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LETTER DATED 16 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

After several days of severe attacks jointly carried out by the so-called Krajina and Bosnian Serbs, those forces are carrying out an all-out attack against the safe area of Bihać, which began this morning at 6 a.m. Central European Time.

Attacks have been carried out from Croatia's United Nations Protected Area (UNPA) zones, specifically from the area of Slunj and Plitvice Lakes in the north, and the Lokovo mountains in the south, while a heavy offensive against the municipality of Velika Kladusa has also been launched from the UNPA zones in Croatia. Heavy shelling continues to be directed against Bihać and Velika Kladusa, characterized by the use of multiple rocket launchers and guided missiles. The so-called Krajina Serbs have supplemented these attacks with helicopter gunships.

These most blatant violations follow the vicious attacks against the municipality of Cazin, which we reported to the Security Council yesterday. It was learned today that these attacks against Cazin included paratroopers.

Thus far, these combined Serbian forces have breached the defence lines in the village of Donji Lapac and are heading towards the village of Vidovska and Velika Kladusa. It is still uncertain whether they have interrupted the road between Velika Kladusa and Bihać. The village of Siljikovaca, which is two kilometres away from the centre of Velika Kladusa, has fallen to the Serbs.

The United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) has still not taken action to deter these attacks or to prevent violations of the no-fly zone.

We urge the Security Council to take all action necessary to stop any further transgression of the international border between the republics of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia by the so-called Krajina Serbs, and to take all measures necessary and in accordance with the mandates given by relevant resolutions to protect the safe area and the no-fly zone, which have been violated in the most brutal way, resulting in heavy civilian casualties.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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